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Dear Sir:

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated November 29, 2002, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-14 and 17-33. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response since the Applicants previously submitted a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief, which was not considered by the Board of Patent Appeals. Applicants submit that the issues for appeal are substantially the same as before and therefore, believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3191.03/RDE, for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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